



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST. WILLIAM OF YORK**

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**Mass Times**

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday - Friday 9.30am Mass

**Reconciliations** - Saturdays 11-12 noon

**Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

1st & 4th Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  
29 JANUARY 2023**

Dear Parishioners

This weekend we are introducing a small business card size blue card that says "St William of York Forest Hill, Weekly offertory Collection" with a QR code.

This card serves two purposes

1. Parishioners who give through weekly/monthly Standing Order can collect it from the narthex at the beginning of Mass and simply drop the card when the collection basket passes by.
2. Every parishioner, including those who contribute through a standing order can collect the card and using the QR code (given that you have the QR code scanner downloaded on your smart phone) can use it for the first or second collection.

We believe this will further facilitate and make your giving easier and help the process of making a planned giving possible.

Many thanks

Fr Habte



## **TODAY'S READINGS -**

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION -**

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus calls for a transformation of our hearts. He begins with the beatitudes, blessing those who seek to do God's Will with humble sincerity. He promises comfort to those who mourn and salvation to those who endure persecution for the sake of righteousness, especially when it is for his name's sake. He goes on to warn against the principles of the Pharisees, who calculate ways to follow the letter of the law without caring about the spirit of love underlying it. He is fulfilling Ezekiel's prophesy, that God will remove our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh. He wants us to care. He wants us to love God, who first of all loved us, and to care for the people around us as much as we care about ourselves. Later, Jesus tells us that all the Law and the prophets are contained within those two commandments. PB

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -**

Isaiah 58;7-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5;13-16

**OUR NEXT FAMILY MASS** will be on Sunday 5th February at 9.30am and will be led by our children from Key Stage One, Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 classes from SWOY school. We hope to see many young families and children at Mass on that day.

## **COULD YOU HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY?**

Children's liturgy has restarted at 0930 Mass with a session for toddlers to year 6. We have a great team who run 2/3 sessions each per term. We can support you with ideas and materials and buddy with you for your first few sessions.

You'll need to complete a DBS. Contact Clare Hill for a chat about what's involved [clare\\_em\\_jones@hotmail.com](mailto:clare_em_jones@hotmail.com)

## **LITURGY GROUP MEETING**

The parish Liturgy Group will be meeting this **Tuesday, 31st January, 7.45pm**, in the Lower Hall. We will be looking back at our Advent and Christmas liturgies and celebrations and looking ahead to Lent and Eastertide. We will also hear from the parish ministries and groups involved in Liturgy and our catechetical and sacramental programmes. Anyone is welcome to come to the meeting. If you would like to find out more or give us some feedback or comments on our parish liturgies you can contact us at [liturgy.swoy@gmail.com](mailto:liturgy.swoy@gmail.com)

## **TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

We welcome all children in Year 4 and above who have celebrated their First Eucharist to join our parish serving team. We will be running a training session for new servers on **Saturday 4th February 2.30-3.45pm** and again at **4.00-5.15pm** if needed. The number of children we can have at the session is limited, so please email us at [swoy.altarserving@gmail.com](mailto:swoy.altarserving@gmail.com) to let us know if you are coming. This helps us to plan the session and know how many children to expect. If you cannot come, please let us know and we will try to arrange another time. If you would like to start serving at Mass, you need to come to a training session first.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO CARRY ON KNITTING?**

If you had fun knitting or crocheting angels and would like a new project please come along on **Tuesday 7th February at 2.00pm** to "Knit and natter" in Cafe York. We will agree and make a start on our next project over tea and biscuits. Watch this space for more details! Contact Maureen Swift if you want to know more - 0776 5428299. All are welcome!

## **CAFE YORK REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS**

Marie-Odile would be grateful if anyone who would like to help with refreshments in Cafe York after Sunday Masses. If you can assist, please see Marie-Odile to advise availability or email [Cafeyorkswoy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Cafeyorkswoy@yahoo.co.uk) Thank you

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023**

All are invited to the Racial Justice Sunday Mass at St George's Cathedral, which will take place at **10 am on Sunday 5th February 2023** and will be celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass will also be live-streamed via the RC Southwark YouTube account: <https://bit.ly/RJS2023>

Those attending Mass in person are encouraged to wear cultural dress and are asked to be seated by 9.45 am for a prompt start at 10 am in St George's Cathedral.

We will be having a second collection next weekend to support the work of the church to promote Racial Justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

## **POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY 2023**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Please continue to pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

**Hannah Janiszewska RIP**

Funeral to take place at St William of York  
Monday 20 February at 11.45am

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual  
light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through the mercy of God,  
Rest in Peace. Amen

**MASS ATTENDEES**

7/8 Jan- 299    14/15 Jan- 337    21/22 Jan - 311

**PARISH DIARY**

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|---|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 31 Jan 7.45pm</b>                                | <b>Liturgy Group Meeting</b>                     | <b>Lower Hall</b>                |
| <b>Wednesday 1 Feb 8pm</b>                                  | <b>Choir Practice</b>                            | <b>Church</b>                    |
| <b>Saturday 3 Feb 9.15am</b>                                | <b>Instrumentalists</b>                          | <b>Church</b>                    |
| <b>Saturday 4 Feb<br/>2.30-3.45pm &amp;<br/>4.00-5.15pm</b> | <b>Altar Server training</b>                     | <b>Church</b>                    |
| <b>Sunday 5 Feb 10am</b>                                    | <b>Racial Justice Mass</b>                       | <b>St George's<br/>Cathedral</b> |
| <b>Sunday 5 Feb 3pm</b>                                     | <b>Eucharist 1 Session</b>                       | <b>Church</b>                    |
| <b>Sunday 5 Feb 6pm</b>                                     | <b>Confirmation Session 3<br/>(with parents)</b> | <b>Church</b>                    |
| <b>Tuesday 7 Feb 2pm</b>                                    | <b>Knitting (and nattering)</b>                  | <b>Cafe York</b>                 |
| <b>Tuesday 7 Feb 7.30pm</b>                                 | <b>Finance Committee Meeting</b>                 | <b>Presbytery</b>                |



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Saturday 28 January 2023**

**18:00** Adrian McGurran RIP

**Sunday 29 January 2023**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

**Monday 30 January 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** Holy Souls

**Tuesday 31 January 2023 - St. John Bosco, Priest**

**09:30** Paul O'Brien RIP

**Wednesday 1 February 2023 - Feria**

**09:30** St. Francesca Cabrini (FM) **(live-streamed)**

**Thursday 2 February 2023 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**09:30** Fr Ian Latham RIP

**Friday 3 February 2023 - St. Lawrence of Canterbury, St. Blaise, Bishop**

**09:30** Anne Orieso Personal Intentions

**Saturday 4 February 2023 - The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**10:30** Thelma James Special Intention

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**Racial Justice Day**

**Saturday 4 February 2023**

**18:00** Clemencia Charles RIP Birthday

**Sunday 5 February 2023**

**09:30** For the Parishioners

**11:30** Fr Tom Creagh-Fuller RIP **(live-streamed)**

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

[www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/](http://www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/)

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon